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JAPAN S PROPOSAL ON NPT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has proposed NPT regime for India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Japanese Government has officially endorsed the Indo-US nuclear treaty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Japan is a party to the NPT and continues to support the binary NPT view distinguishing between nuclear weapon States and non-nuclear weapon States. India's views on the NPT are known to Japan.

(c) & (d) The Joint Statement issued during Prime Minister's visit to Tokyo in December 2006 states "The two leaders share the view that nuclear energy can play an important role as a safe, sustainable and non-polluting source of energy in meeting the rising global demands for energy, and that international civil nuclear energy should be enhanced through constructive approaches under appropriate IAEA safeguards. The two sides will continue to discuss the international civil nuclear cooperation framework with respect to India."